

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-12 and 14-16 are pending in this application, claim 6 having been previously withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, withdrawn claim 6 is amended, and is identified as "withdrawn - currently amended," in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §608.01(m) and 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(2), which set forth that amended withdrawn claims may be labeled "currently amended," "withdrawn" or "withdrawn - currently amended." Support for this amendment can be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 13, lines 19-22 and in claims 1, 2 and 6 as originally filed. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10-12 and 14-16 are allowed.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Lam during the February 18 and February 22 telephonic interviews. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

In accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion during the February 18 telephonic interview, claim 6 has been amended herein to depend from and incorporate all of the limitations of allowed claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that, as discussed during the February 18 telephonic interview, amended claim 6 is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-8, 10-12 and 14-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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